Housing schemes for weaker sections and slum dwellers

†2156. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Government schemes for providing houses to those slum dwellers of weaker sections who do not have suitable houses and are living below the poverty line in the cities of various States;

(b) the details thereof and whether any proposal in this regard has been received from Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the amount provided so far in the form of financial assistance as per the proposal and the amount yet to be provided; and

(d) by when the remaining amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) To provide shelter or to upgrade the existing shelter, for the people living below the poverty line in urban slums, a Centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), is implemented all over India. Against various proposals received from the State of Madhya Pradesh, Government of India (GOI) subsidy totalling Rs. 1390.75 lakh has been released since the inception of the scheme *w.e.f.* 2.12.2001. Proposals for release of Rs. 314.50 lakh by the State Government have already been approved "in-principle". Release of the GOI subsidy will be made after the State submits utilization certificates for the past release made upto 31st March, 2003. Further proposals received from the State through HUDCO, seeking GOI subsidy of Rs. 835.00 lakh, will be placed before the Central Sanctioning Committee of VAMBAY.

Development of urban slums/clusters

2157. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban slums/clusters developed under the National slum Development Programme since its inception, State-wise;

(b) the funds released under the scheme since its inception;

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